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## Bill Cunningham, Sports Writer, to be Guest Speaker at Next Shrine Luncheon

### Popular Sports Writer and Commentator To Speak on Sports Writing

BOSTON'S ace sports reporter, Mr. William Cunningham, popularly known as "Bill Cunningham", will be the guest speaker at the next luncheon of Aleppo Temple. This luncheon, which is the final one this season, will be held at the COBLEY-PLAZA HOTEL, Tuesday, May 23, 1939.



BILL CUNNINGHAM

Luncheon chairman, Lionel G. H. Palmer, has scored another direct hit in procuring Mr. Cunningham, who is one of the most interesting and capable sports commentators in the country, as the speaker for this occasion.

Mr. Cunningham has taken as his subject, "Experiences and Observations of a Sports Writer." He is well versed in all lines of sports and writes a daily column on the subject for a well known Boston newspaper, which is read by young and old alike. He is looked upon as a national authority and his advice and counsel are continually sought by both fans and athletes alike.

"Bill Cunningham", who hails from Texas, wrote his first column for a Boston paper many years ago when he attended a football game at Stanford University between Harvard and Stanford. His article brought him \$10.00 and was published by the paper. It received such enthusiasm that the newspaper immediately contracted with him to write a daily column and as a result he is the highest paid sports writer in

the country today. In addition to his sports writing he has written many stories which have been published in the *Saturday Evening Post* and other magazines. He has also written stories and scenarios for the moving picture industry.

Mr. Cunningham, who graduated from Dartmouth College, is a talented pianist and organist of note, having made an appearance in Symphony Hall, Boston. During his trip to Europe some years ago to report the Olympic games he played a command recital before the King of England.

His hobby is golf and he is at present the President of the left-handed golfers' club of Massachusetts.

In anticipation of the large crowd expected to attend this luncheon, the committee has decided to hold it in the Ball Room of the Copley-Plaza Hotel. Put the date down in your book now, Noble, and don't miss out on this treat. Come and dine with a crowd of good fellows, Tuesday, May 23, at 12:30 P. M. at the Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston.

### NOBLES! LET'S RALLY TO THE CALL OF OUR POTENTATE

ONE of the many happy duties of a Potentate is the participation in the obligating of candidates during his administration. One of the sad duties of Potentates in past years has been the signing of reports showing a decrease in membership. Potentate Curry has been making a study of conditions and is striving to change Aleppo's loss into a net gain this year.

It is true that many of the losses are beyond control and cannot be helped. However, the real sad part is that the additions to the Temple's membership are far too few, considering what the Shrine has to offer. Do you remember, Noble, the night your good friend took your application into Aleppo? How pleased you were to become a member of an organization known throughout the land as the greatest fraternal organization in the world? How happy you have been and the good times you have had as a Shriner, just because a good friend took you in? Noble, why not pass that favor on to another friend of yours and bring into the Shrine another Mason to enjoy the type of sociability and good-fellowship known only to a Shriner.

### WILL YOU HELP?

If one Noble in every 50 of Aleppo Temple gets a CANDIDATE for the CEREMONIAL, MAY 19, we will have a class of 200. How about it Noble? REMEMBER—CANDIDATES MAKE A CEREMONIAL.

REMEMBER—The cost of initiation at the present time is only \$50.00; and also REMEMBER—When you propose a friend for membership in Aleppo Temple you have solidified your friendship and strengthened Aleppo's membership; and also

REMEMBER—That by paying your dues you are assisting in the upkeep of your Temple as well as helping some crippled child regain its health that it may enjoy life as you do.

### WILL YOU HELP?

Do you know a prospective candidate who is eligible to membership in our Shrine?

If you do, please list his name on the form below and return it to the Recorder, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston. We will do the rest.

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Address .....

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Member ..... Consistory

Signed, Noble .....

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### EXTEND THEM AN INVITATION

**N**OBOLES, did you know that there are many prospective candidates waiting for an invitation to join Aleppo Temple?

The Blue Lodges, Scottish Rite Bodies and Commanderies all over our jurisdiction are increasing their work to such an extent that it looks like good times are here again. These brethren only wait an invitation from you to join Aleppo Temple. And there are several thousand members of the prerequisite bodies who have joined in past years who have never joined the Shrine. They are waiting for your invitation.

Did you think to ask that good fellow—the Commandery man or the Consistory man—you chatted with the other day to join the Shrine? Surely you would like to have him as a fellow Noble; and just as surely you would like to call him Noble for his own sake. Think what you are keeping from him. Remember it the next time you talk with him. It often happens that the very man who is not considered as a prospective member is the very one who only needs a few words to get him into action.

You may also know of a Noble residing in our jurisdiction who belongs to another Temple and who would be glad to affiliate with Aleppo if he were asked. Extend him an invitation. There is no fee for affiliation and if he has a 1939 card in the other Temple we will not charge him anything for the balance of 1939 if he affiliates now.

Let's make up our minds, right now Noble, to build up Aleppo's membership.



### LARGE CLASS FOR MAY 19

**T**HE Aleppo Degree Staff certainly have their work cut out for them for the coming ceremonial, May 19, as the Recorder has received the application for membership of Gustave Sonnenberg, former world's championship wrestler.

Gus will give the members of the staff something to think about if they don't keep their goat tied down as he is somewhat of a "butter" himself. One of the degree staff men has suggested that the

Director himself, Paul Bowser, be assigned to take care of this candidate.

Assistant Director Sam Smith advises us that he has his charges all set for a big evening of new and unusual creations to amuse the candidates with. He will have one of the largest classes of candidates to work on at the coming ceremonial that Aleppo has seen for several years. The number of applications already received is far ahead of the total of any class for some time. It looks as if the depression is over and better times are not far ahead.

Your Potentate would appreciate it if you would assist in the building up of Aleppo by searching out a prospect and having him sign on the dotted line. He will always thank you for suggesting him for membership in the Shrine and you will enjoy seeing him among the candidates when they appear for initiation.



### POTENTATE VISITS OLD TIMER

**D**URING the visitation of the Divan of Aleppo to New Bedford to attend the annual Potentates' Night, Illustrious Potentate James J. Curry called a halt in the proceedings to visit one of the old timers of Aleppo, Noble Doctor Charles R. Hunt. The Potentate was



Noble Doctor Charles R. Hunt

accompanied by Assistant Recorder Harvey B. Leggee. The two officers spent a most enjoyable half hour with the Doctor who has been confined to his home for several months.

Doctor Hunt, who is one of the best known Masons in the southeastern district, has been a member of Aleppo Temple since September 1899. He was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island in 1923 and 1924, and has been a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, of which Potentate Curry is the Commanding officer since 1907. Among his many souvenirs are booklets and pamphlets showing the itinerary and points of interests of the scores of trips he has taken as a member and officer of these organizations. One of his possessions of which he is very proud, is a long service medal which the Ancients awarded him for participation in twenty parades in ten years.

A trip to New Bedford is always a pleasure for a Potentate of Aleppo and is made doubly so by a visit to an interesting and hospitable Noble like Noble Doctor Hunt.

### WHY IS THE SHRINE?

**I**F anyone should ask you, "Why is the Shrine?", tell him that the big things in the Shrine are known only to those who are on the inside. To get on the inside, one must be initiated. To be initiated, one must put up his fee, with the proviso that he is already a Knight Templar or a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason. So one may readily see that to be a Shriner is not so easy after all, because after you have become eligible, your petition must be acted upon by the Shrine body itself. But once you are in you will think a long time before relinquishing your Shrine membership.

By the way, after you have been made a Shriner at one of the Aleppo Temple Ceremonials, you will begin to look forward to the very next Ceremonial, which you will not miss even if you are a thousand miles from home, for no Temple in this broad land of ours has anything on Aleppo when it presents a Ceremonial—and that's the truth. Fact is, the last Aleppo Ceremonial was one of the finest ever, not from the viewpoint of the novices, of course, but from the consensus of opinion of many of the old timers who witnessed it. History shows that each Ceremonial is better than the last.

What do you mean—Ceremonial? Just this: Several times a year Shriners gather for a good time, and they have it. The Ceremonial is the thing that binds every Shriner to every other Shriner. No coward can ever be a real Shriner. Why? Well, you will have to come in and see for yourself. If a man is a coward, he soon gets over it. When the Ceremonial is at its height, a fellow's heart beats fast for a time, but he soon gets over it. That's one reason, among a whole string of reasons, why Shriners all greet each other with a smile, and shake hands with a real hand-clasp.



### AN OLD MOHAMMEDAN CUSTOM

**F**OR many years in the last stage of training, it was the practice to locate the young Mohammedan Priest in a small tent out in the desert set some half mile away from the larger tent in which the Patriarch Priests remained.

Once each hour one of the older priests strolled out to the younger priest in the little tent, lifted the flap, and soberly asked the simple question, "Are you human?" This procedure lasted two full days, the young priest pondering the question.

Here in Aleppo Temple the Nobles have a similar practice. Comfortably seated in their homes they are asking themselves over and over the question, "Is this duty of new members for Aleppo my business; if not, whose business is it?"

—Contributed.

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Illustrious Potentate



By NOBLE J. ARTHUR McCOX  
Associate Editor

THOSE boys of the fourth platoon did a nice job in entertaining us April 21. Bill Sharpe and Frank Legro must be endowed with some magical power to get every member of the unit to take part as they did, or maybe it is because they are all such a bunch of "Good Scouts." The singing was good and the jokes were clever. Although I know the boys well, there is something mystifying about black-face disguise, that covers up a man's identity—it had us guessing. I still don't believe that was our dignified Harold Budreau that gave us the tenor end-song. The demand for encores proved that every member was well received. It was nice too, to have our Potentate with us—and Gardner Wilson's point was well taken, that Jim Curry is no trader, and instead, promised long ago that the units would go to Baltimore in June. Every member is with him in the effort to build a bigger Temple.

And for almost the first time in many years, Frank Morrill was absent, putting over a very clever deal in Baltimore, for the housing of the men.

We also want to give Walter Benson a "pat on the back" for his part in providing such a fine supper.

Lieut. Dixon and his third platoon will put on an exhibition drill at the Falmouth Junior High School for the entertainment of the members of Marine Lodge, May 6.

Noble Fred Wilder, of the first platoon, and Mrs. Wilder, were in an automobile accident in Dorchester, April 19. Mrs. Wilder bore the brunt of it, and following her long illness, it was most unfortunate. We send our best wishes for her early recovery.

No wonder Boston Commandery received a ten-minus mark at inspection, with a council composed of three members of the patrol, Gardner Wilson, Loren Lewis and Walter Duncan, all of the second platoon.

And, speaking of Commandery inspections, Hugh de Payens Commandery, and Major Vaughan their distinguished member, had the moral support that evening, April 12, of sixteen members from the patrol—about half of them past commanders of other commanderies. These members comprised: Nobles Morrill, Keough, Deland, Weeks, Carter, Boehmer, Wilcke, Fridolin, Dixon, Sharpe, Babcock, Paul, Lynn, Abbot, Odell and Budreau. They afterwards repaired to the home of Major Vaughan and had a most enjoyable time.

We are glad to welcome back on the patrol, our old friend Noble Gus Swanson. Gus is Junior Warden of Quincy Commandery. He is assigned to the colors. Noble Roland Paul, also well known to many of us, after an active Masonic career, has joined the patrol. Noble Paul is an export manager, lives in Holbrook, is a Past Master of Gate of the Temple Lodge, Past High Priest of St. Matthew's Chapter, and is now Commander of St. Omer Commandery.

(Some day I will add up the number of our members who are past commanders of St. Omer—there's a lot of them.) Serg't Walter Cox, of the second platoon, is transferred to the staff as aide. Walter has a fine record as one of the oldest members on the patrol, though still a young man.

Serg't Bill Miller is busy with his tours to Washington, as usual this season. He has just taken one of the largest groups of High School students to the Capital. Bill is a member of the Manning Travel Bureau, located at Myles Standish Hotel.

#### THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF THE MONTH

You all ought to know our recently appointed Serg't Major better. Noble N. Russell Lynn was born in Bangor, Maine, and attended schools in the town of Strong, near Rangeley Lakes. His childhood ambition was to be the local learned pharmacist, and from the vicinity of the candy case, to prescribe for the ills of his neighbors. This he did, in fact, until his twenty-first year, when he forsook the pill-making business for the more remunerative automobile business. For a time he was in that business in North Anson, Maine, and also in Livermore Falls.

In 1911 he came to Boston, married and soon afterwards set up the N. Russell Lynn Company in Cambridge, operating an auto body service. For many years, he has been one of the prominent men in the vicinity of Kendall Square. Rotarians call him "Russ," as we do, and I discovered that he has a ten year perfect record for attendance. He is active in the "Ancients," being aide to Commander Curry in the "Ancients," as well as aide to Illustrious Potentate Curry in Aleppo. He has a daughter, Virginia, who has been organist for the Rainbow Girls Order, and a son, Melvin, who is a student at Northeastern University.

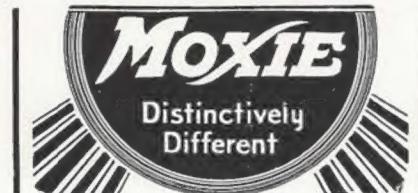
"Russ" is a member of Oriental Star Lodge No. 21 of Livermore Falls, Maine, Mystic Chapter of Medford and St. Omer Commandery No. 21 of Dorches-

ter of which he is Generalissimo. Although not quite Commander, he is Deputy Grand Warder for the 9th Division Commander, George Weeks. Also, a member of the Scottish Rite, he has been in the east of the 15th and 16th degrees. His summer home is at Silver Lake, Madison, N. H., where he spends much time in his speed boat "Jester Aleppo"—Oh yes, he is a Jester, too. I haven't space enough to enumerate all his affiliations, but his membership on the patrol extends over thirteen years and in that like everything else, he is "tops" for dependability and cooperation. Noble and Mrs. Lynn, with their two children live at 68 Quincy Street, Medford.

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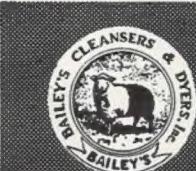
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#### IMPRESSIVE RITUAL WORK

If you want to see the Shrine ritual portrayed in all its splendor and nobleness by the most impressive ritualistic team in Shrinedom, be sure to be present when Aleppo's Ritualistic Degree Team open the May 19 ceremonial in Talbot Hall, Mechanics Building, at 4:00 o'clock P. M.

This degree team is known throughout Shrinedom as the most outstanding body of Shrine ritualists ever to work the Order. They are all Past Masters of their respective Blue Lodges and do their work in a manner that brings credit to themselves and honor to the Shrine.

Your Potentate would like to see a large number of Nobles present at this meeting as it will not only be an unusual ceremony with one of the largest classes of candidates to be initiated for several years but will also help to encourage the Nobles taking part in the ritualistic work.

Make up your mind right now to be present at 4:00 o'clock May 19 and we promise you that you will be amply paid for your effort. Come yourself and bring another Shriner with you.



#### NOBLE AND MRS. TOUGAS CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

NOBLE and Mrs. Napoleon E. Tougas of Newton Highlands celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Sunday afternoon, March 26, with an informal reception, it also being Mr. Tougas' 71st birthday. The couple were married in Milford, Mass., March 27, 1889, and for the past twenty years have resided in Newton Highlands. Mrs. Tougas was born in Searsport, Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Tougas have a son, Louis N. Tougas, and two daughters, Mrs. Winifred Willard of Malden and Mrs. Olive G. Crosman of Weston.

Mr. N. E. Tougas has been associated with the Agency Force of the Albert H. Curtis & Co. Agency of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. for the past thirty-eight years.

The Agency very generously presented them with a handsome Console Grand Radio.

Mr. Tougas is a member of all the Masonic Bodies including the 32nd degree, Scottish Rite, the York Rites, Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine, Boston Life Underwriters Asso., Life Member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Mass., and the Universalist Club of Boston.

His only brother, Edmund H. Tougas, formerly of Milford, but for the last twenty years a resident of Weston, Mass., was prominent in making the happy gathering an enjoyable occasion.

The hundred or more guests extended congratulations to the host and hostess and wished for them a continued life of health and happiness.



#### A BIT OF HISTORY

Frequently one hears the question, "How old is the Statue of Liberty, and what part did the Masonic Order take in the laying of the cornerstone of this world-famous object of interest in New York harbor?"

According to the encyclopedia, the Statue of Liberty was erected on Bedloe's Island, over fifty-two years ago—(October 28, 1886). The cornerstone was laid by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the state of New York, on August 5, 1885.

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## "THE KING'S HORSES AND THE KING'S MEN"

**S**PHINX Temple Band, which claims to be the oldest Shrine band in North America, celebrated its 40th anniversary with a banquet and entertainment at the Hartford (Conn.) Club, Saturday night, March 4. More than 150 band and Shrine members participated.

Noble John H. Zink, Past Potentate of Boumi Temple of Baltimore, and director general of the Baltimore Council Corporation for the coming national Imperial Council Session in that city, was the principal speaker.

Conductor Angelo Coniglione and Henry Welker, veteran librarian of the band, were awarded medals in recognition of 25 years of service.

Noble Burton H. Phelps, president of the band, was toastmaster, assisted by Nobles William Young, Angelo Truda and Everett W. Woodward of Worcester, Mass. Service medals were presented to Nobles Howard of Boston, Shumway of Springfield, Mass., and Nobles Woodruff, Truda, Woodward, Young, Welker and president Phelps. Noble Truda has been a member for 33 years and is assistant conductor.

We do not know to whom we are indebted for the above news item, but it is an enviable record to show 40 years service as a musical unit for Shrinedom. Aleppo band can only boast of a trifile over half that number of years. Which reminds us of the little colored chap who was playing in the street and a lady passing by, noting how he was enjoying life inquired how old he was. "Well," replied the lad, "Mammy says Ise eight but judgin' by the fun Ise had Ise mos' a hundred." So while Aleppo band is only about 24 years old "judgin' by the fun we've had we've mos' a hundred."

Noble "Doc" Kennington is taking his Spring vacation in Maine making some movies and still pictures of the Spring flight of geese. Doc says it looks like another big year for the duck and goose hunters, thanks to the Biological Survey, who know the answer.

Noble Kimball, "Kimmie" for short, handed us a letter he received from Noble McKinnon, a former bass player in the band, but who is now located across that imaginary line that divides the U. S. A. from Montreal. Mac says that he misses the good times he had in the band, although he states that if his memory serves him correctly he kept Kimmie's car equipped with tires through losing fifty cent pieces via the matching route. (Kimmie always was hung all over with horse shoes.) But Mac says it is a pleasant memory, and winds up his letter by sending his regards to all inquiring friends, and to "tell Charlie Fearing that I always read his notes in ALEPO BULLETIN."

Thanks, Mac, for the compliment to our humble efforts as a columnist, which is a darned hard job when news (or gossip) is as scarce as at present.

Well, the band has a job on hand in May, as they have accepted the invitation of Boston Commandery to furnish marching tunes on Sunday, May 14, when the Boston Knights hold their annual Ascension Day parade and church service.

We hope the boys will turn out in goodly numbers on this occasion, and show our friends in Boston and vicinity that we can still do a good job on the street. Besides the route is short; we will "march up the street and march down again," like "The King's horses and the King's men."

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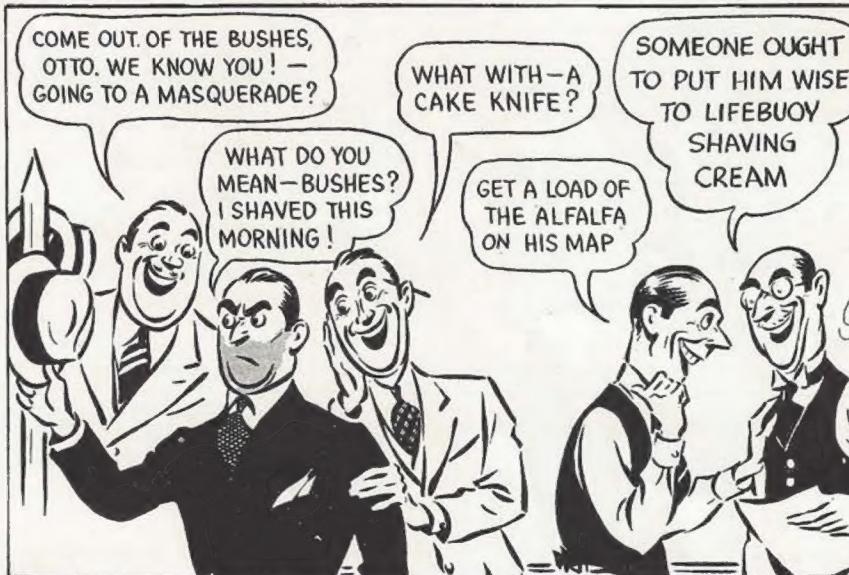
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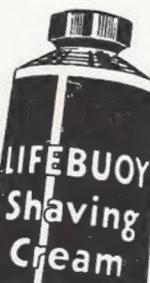
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Illustrious Noble Harold Lloyd (left), Potentate of Al Malaikah Temple of Los Angeles being presented an Honorary membership in Aleppo Temple by Noble Harry Einstein (Parkyakarkus), who is also an Honorary member of Aleppo. Judging by the looks on the faces of the two well known movie actors, it is an honor to present and an honor to receive an Honorary membership in Aleppo. The event took place in the Beverly Hills, California, home of Parkyakarkus, who is a neighbor of Potentate Lloyd.

#### ALEPO BOWLING NEWS

By VAIL K. HAAK  
Associate Editor

I JUST know for a certainty without any confirmation that all the officers, members and guests certainly appreciated the presence of our Most Illustrious Potentate, James J. Curry, and his hard working Assistant Recorder, Harvey B. Leggee, at our annual banquet.

Outside of a slight disturbance by Noble Aveni everything went off smoothly. Cups were presented to the best bowlers in their class (if class comes into this discussion) and even though some of the good bowlers went home empty handed I think on the whole the evening was a success.

After the dinner the gathering present had to repair to something. So inasmuch as they were all on the square they repaired to the basement and bowled. We finally got a match arranged with the captains on the two teams being none other than Potentate Jim Curry and Assistant Recorder Harvey Leggee.

Sad as it is to relate even though I was on the side of a bowler of the caliber of Harvey—we lost 4 points, if I have to admit it honestly. And me being a good friend of the Assistant Recorder I must climb back off the limb towards the trunk and admit that our Potentate twice took the measure of Harvey. I did my best for my Captain but Whitworth, a rank outsider, even though he be a Shriner, swamped me.

P.S. In a roll-off after our championship match I wish to state here and now that our Assistant Recorder Harvey recuperated enough to take the measure of one of our opponents' noisiest rooters, Joe Aveni, in two straight strings. Har-

vey bowled 123 and 108. I guess we had better camp on his trail and sign him up next year.

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AS this issue of the News goes to press, a Noble Erborne W. Wood, a prominent angler, of Ossipee, N. H., is preparing his annual trip by airplane to the White House where he presents the President a catch of fresh trout from his unusual private pond.

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### NEWS

BY NOBLE GEORGE A. RHODES

*Associate Editor*

THE Scottish Rite is capturing a goodly number of South Shore men and this would indicate there is a time coming within the year when many of them will be eligible and ready to join Aleppo. The Scottish Rite satisfies the love of the spectacular and beautiful ritual. The Shrine gives the other extreme in good fellowship and fun. Truly a playground order is needed today if ever, and the Shrine is furnishing it.

Tin foil may be left at the Quincy *Patriot Ledger* office on Temple Street, Quincy. It is being stored in the "morgue" until a truck is available to take it to Boston.

The Commanders of Quincy and South Shore Commanderies are at ease now, having their inspections out of the way and will be able to enjoy the Shrine ceremonial, May 19, with a mind at rest. Both received good marks, and they should, if the hours of rehearsal out in counts.

Rural Lodge, A. F. & A. M., had its Old Timers' Night with Noble Henry Hayward as master of ceremonies. "High Powered Henry" knows all those oldsters as well as young fellows and gave them a grand greeting, also a framed poem regarding the square, level and compasses and a carnation.

Whether Aleppo News is out or not the reception to Grand Master Joseph Earl Perry and Senior Grand Warden George E. White given by the lodges of the 26th district was a huge success. The advanced sale of tickets guaranteed it. The Grand Master is highly regarded in this district. Rt. Wor. George A. White was deputy of the 26th and is one of the most popular men in Masonry. Rt. Wor. James S. Collins, District Deputy Grand Master, presided. Four young women of the Weymouth and Wollaston Rainbows gowned in white made the presentation of flowers to the Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, District Deputy and Wor. Wilfred D. Austin, Master of Norfolk Union Lodge of which Mr. White is a Past Master. The Master Councilor of the DeMolay gave each of the distinguished guests a special issue of the *Patriot Ledger* with story and picture of the night. The Wardens in Tuxedos made very good news boys in giving copies to all present. Honorary Membership "cards" in the Shingle Club were given Mr. Perry and Mr. White. They were shingles of black walnut. This is a club of 25 Masons and Shriners who eat once a month. One can remain a member until he gets dyspepsia or any disability that prevents him from eating a full sized 17 course dinner. In 20 years none have been expelled for this reason.

There are a number of Masons in this immediate vicinity who will be signing on the dotted line to join Aleppo for the fall ceremonial.

April 30 every lodge in the district attends church. The Templars will have their church services in Brockton, May 21.